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JUMP, BUMPER!  
SAVE YOURSELF!  
WHY SHOULD BOTH  
OF US DIE?



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WELL, YOUR  
CLAIM IS  
OFFICIAL NOW,  
MR. LOGUS!  
NOT ANY  
NOTION  
WHERE MR.  
MICHETT  
WENT!

SOMEWHERE OUT  
WEST, I BELIEVE!  
SPEAKING OF THE  
WEST LAKE, WE  
HAVEN'T LOOKED  
AROUND THE TERRI-  
TORY OF BROWN  
VALLEY. ANY INTER-  
ESTING CLAIMS  
THESE ABOUT?

WHY, UH, YES!  
THERE IS, MR.  
LOGUS! I WAS  
GOING TO MENTION  
IT THE DAY I TOLD  
YOU ABOUT WESLEY  
MITCHELL BEING  
ANXIETY TO SELL  
OUT HIS GOLD  
HOLDINGS! SEEMS  
THERE'S A SILVER  
MINE THEY CALL  
ARGO SILVER  
INCORPORATED!

SILVER? WE  
AIN'T DONE MUCH  
DABBIN' IN  
SILVER YET!  
RIGHT, MR. LOGUS?

WHITE RIGHT,  
BLUNKER. WHO'S THEY?  
JAKE?

DAN FOLEY,  
HIS MUSLIS  
AND THEIR YOUNG  
DAUGHTER, EMILY.  
DAN ISN'T FIND-  
ING IT TOO EASY  
WORKING THE  
MINES. HE'S  
GETTING ON  
IN YEARS!

THEN FOLEY  
MIGHT BE  
UP FOR A  
BUSINESS  
PROPOSAL-



LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL  
BE PAID NEXT  
TIME IN SOLID  
SILVER, JAKE!

DOLLARS—GOLD DUST  
SILVER—it's all money,  
MR. LOGUS!

PHEWIE



WHEN ARE WE  
GONNA GET  
SOME REAL  
COFFEE INSTEAD  
OF THIS  
POISON?

VERY SOON, CHICORY. AFTER  
THE ARGOSY SILVER DEAL, YOU'LL  
HAVE YOUR COFFEE BEANS FROM  
BRAZIL AND I'LL HAVE ALL THE  
POWER I WANT! COME ON MEN,  
WE MUSTN'T KEEP MR. FOLEY  
WAITING!



A MONTH LATER, AS BOB VALE, THE  
BLACK DIAMOND, AND BUMPER RIDE  
IN THE DIRECTION OF BROWN VALLEY...

SHOOT,  
BUMPER!  
THEY  
SOUND  
CLOSE  
BY!

NOT AS CLOSE AS  
YOU THINK, BOB!  
SCHOOL CARRY A  
LONG WAY IN THESE  
HILLS, BUT LET'S  
INVESTIGATE  
ANYWAY!



AT THAT MOMENT, A FEW  
MILES INTO THE HILLS...

YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH  
THIS! THIS IS THE SECOND  
STICK-UP IN A WEEK! YOU'LL  
BE HANGIN' FROM THE  
GALLOWS IN BROWN  
VALLEY BY SUNDOWN!

LET US  
WORRY ABOUT  
THAT! NOW  
YAMMOUSE!





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## BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

I'D NEVER KILLED A LIVING THING BEFORE! BUT THAT DAY I SHOT A MAN! IT WAS HORRIBLE BUT THE GUARD TIED ME TO KILL MY MOTHER! I JUST PULLED THE TRIGGER!

EERAAA!



WE ESCADED BUT WE SAW NO SIGNS OF ANY BODY. MOTHER THINKS DAD AND THE REST WERE BURIED IN A BOD TWO MILES BACK OF THE MINE.

DIDN'T YOU GO TO THE SHERIFF ABOUT THIS?

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? THERE'S A NEW SHERIFF IN BROWN VALLEY. HE'S ON KING LOGUS PAYROLL SO IS THAT LITTLE RUMT HENDERSON IN THE COUNTY CLAIMS OFFICE?



IN FACT, WHEN WE WENT TO BROWN VALLEY TO COMPLAIN, THEY SAID WE WERE THE OUTLAWS!

SO THAT'S IT! YOU COYOTES! YOU'RE TRYING TO RUIN A HONEST MAN! I GOT A GUN AIMED AT YOU. YOU LET US LEAVE IN PEACE OR YOU DIE!



IS IT ANY WONDER WE TRIED TO GET EVEN WITH LOGUS BY STEALING THE SILVER HE TOOK OUT OF MY DAD'S MINE?

WHAT'S LEFT TO BOTH OF YOU? IT TAKES GREAT COURAGE TO STAND UP TO LOGUS! BUT YOU HAD NO RIGHT TO TURN TO CRIME YOURSELF!

HAVE A HEART, BLACK DIAMOND. YOU HEARD WHAT MRS. FOLEY SAID! THE SHERIFF WAS IN CAHOOTS WITH LOGUS!

THEN MRS. FOLEY SHOULD'VE GONE TO CRIPPLED RIVER COUNT TO SEEK JUSTICE. MORT MEN KNOWN KING LOGUS FOR A DIRTY KILLER! THEY'D HAVE TAKEN YOUR SIDE!

YOU'RE RIGHT, BLACK DIAMOND! BUT WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH US NOW? PUT US IN JAIL?

NO, I'M GOING TO SEE THAT YOU GET YOUR MINE BACK AND THAT KING LOGUS AND HIS PACK OF COYOTES GET A NECK-STRETCHING THAT'S LONG-OVER-DUE!

BLACK DIAMOND—WITH YOU ON OUR SIDE, I FEEL WE'VE GOT AN ARMY TO FIGHT THE ENEMY WITH!



TEN MINUTES LATER...

GOOD FOR YOU, BLACK DIAMOND! I SEE YOU CAUGHT THOSE NASTY OUTLAWS!

WE SURE DID GET 'EM UP! WE'RE TAKING YOU TO THE SHERIFF OF CRIPPLED RIVER!

YOU AINT SERIOUS! YOU'RE JOHN AIN'T YOU?

EIGHT! AND HERE'S THE CREAM OF THE JEST! MRS. FOLEY SHOW THE FOLEY CATS WHO YOU ARE!

MRS. FOLEY...AN HER DAUGHTER! THEY WAS THE OUTLAWS! GASP! WE SURRENDERED TO TWO FEMALES!



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TWILIGHT THE SAME DAY ON THE  
BUCHANAN RANCH...

WHO ELSE  
NEEDS A SHOT IN  
THE ARM TO TELL  
US WHERE  
LONESOME  
BUCHANAN?

OKAY.  
BLACK DIAMOND  
BUT WE HAD NO  
PART IN THE  
SHOOTING! WE  
WERE BROUGHT  
IN AFTER THE  
SHOOTING WAS  
OVER!



EARLY NEXT MORNING NEAR  
MITCHELL RUN...

LONESOME CHICORY!  
I PUT IN AN ORDER  
FOR REAL COFFEE  
A MONTH AGO.  
AN STILL NO SIGN  
OF A SHIPMENT!  
ARE WE GOIN TO  
GET THAT COFFEE  
KING?

POOL, WE  
WON'T BE  
ALIVE TO DRINK  
THAT COFFEE  
UNLESS WE  
TAKE CARE OF  
BLACK  
DIAMOND! THERE COMES  
BUNKER!



KING! THE  
BLACK DIAMOND  
JUST DUG OUT  
WEF MITCHELL  
HE GOT THE  
DROP ON THE  
BOYS AND  
THEY'RE ALL  
OBEYING  
HIM!

ONE CORPUS  
DELECTI'S ENOUGH  
TO HANG THE THREE  
DE LOS MEN. WE  
GOT TO TAKE  
CARE OF THE  
BLACK DIAMOND.  
RIGHT NOW HE  
MUST NOT LEAVE  
MITCHELL RUN ALIVE.  
UNDERSTAND?



BLACK  
DIAMOND—  
IT'S  
LOSUS!

I WELL GIVE HIM A RUN FOR HIS  
MONEY! MOUNT EL LOBO! THESE  
COOTES CAN SHOOT A MAN  
IN THE BACK BUT HITTING A MOVING  
TARGET IS SOMETHING ELSE!



CURSE IT — THEY'RE  
COMING BACK — GET  
OFF YOUR HORSES;  
WE'LL FIGHT FROM  
AMBUSH! CHICORY,  
YOU RUN FOR THE  
OTHERS!



PULL UP, SUMPER! WE'RE OUT  
OF THEIR BULLET RANGE; WE  
WANT THESE GUYS LIVED SO  
WE CAN GET THEM! CHARGE HEAD ON  
AND WHEN WE COME WITHIN  
RANGE, SPLIT AND CIRCLE THEM  
INDIAN STYLE — ON  
RELIAPON!

AFTER A BRIEF SKIRMISH...

YOU GOT  
US, DIA-  
MOND! DON'T  
SHOOT NO  
MORE! WE  
GIVE UP!

JOHN —  
MY  
GUN  
HAND!

TWO OF YOU YOU MURDERED  
DOZENS OF PEOPLE IN COLD  
BLOOD, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO  
SHOOT YOU DOWN! THE LAW  
WILL DO THAT! WE'LL CATCH UP  
LATER WITH THE THIRD VICTIM  
WHO GOT AWAY!



YOU MIGHT HAVE THE  
UPPER HAND NOW, BUT  
DON'T THINK THAT I'M  
FINISHED! YOU WON'T HANG  
ME, BLACK DIAMOND! THE  
DEAD DON'T TALK AND MY  
OWN KID WASN'T SQUEAL  
BECAUSE THEY'D ALL GET  
IT IN THE END!

I'VE GOT TWO LIVINGS  
WITH ME, LOSUS! THEY  
SAW YOU DO THE ACT OF BUTCHERY  
AND THEY'RE GOING  
TO SEE YOU  
HANG  
FOR IT!



## BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

YOU KNOW WHO HE MEANS. DON'T YOU, MRS. FOLEY AND HER DAUGHTER? IF THEY TURN UP IN COURT TO TESTIFY AGAINST US, WE'RE BLIZZARD MEAT!

I KNOW! THAT'S WHY CHICORY WILL HAVE A JOB TO DO WHEN HE SETS TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER BOYS! THE GALS MUST TRAVEL TO BROWN VALLEY TO TESTIFY AGAINST US! MAYBE THEIR STAGECOACH WON'T REACH BROWN VALLEY! UNDERSTAND?



### LATE THAT AFTERNOON...

WE ATTENDED TO EVERYTHING, LOGUS! THERE'S A CLIFF TURN ON THE STAGE ROAD FROM CRIPPLED RIVER! CHICORY FIXED THE ROAD BED SO THE STAGE WILL FALL TO THE BOTTOM OF CRIPPLED RIVER CANYON!

BIGGIE! BUT JUST IN CASE SOMETHING GOES WRONG, I WANT CHICORY AND THE BOYS TO BE HERE TONIGHT TO RESCUE US! I'VE FIGURED ALL THE ANGLES! THAT'S WHY I'VE CHEATED THE HANDMAN'S NOISE SO MANY TIMES!



### SHORTLY AFTER...

LOOKING LIKE EVERYTHING'S SET FOR THE TRIAL BLACK DIAMOND! THE SHERIFFES IN JAIL, THE TOWNSMEN BY A CITIZEN COMMITTEE, THE GALS ARE ON THEIR WAY NOW FROM CRIPPLED RIVER TO GIVE EVIDENCE.

AND YET LOGUS IS SMILING AS IF HE HAD AN ACE UP HIS SLEEVE! WHAT CAN THAT ACE BE? WE'VE GOT THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE VICTIM.

THE WOMEN! IF THEY DON'T TESTIFY, THERE ARE NO WITNESSES! LOGUS MUST HAVE A PLAN TO KILL THEM! C'MON, BUMPER, LET'S SEE THAT NOTHING WILL PREVENT THEM FROM GETTING TO BROWN VALLEY!



### AN HOUR LATER, NEAR CRIPPLED RIVER CANYON...

IN A COUPLE OF SECONDS, IT'LL BE ALL OVER! THE GROUND WILL GIVE WAY AND THE STAGECOACH WILL BE 200 FEET BELOW!

THERE SHE GOES NOW!



BUT NATURE IS CLEVER! LOGUS A HORN OF ROCK SUDDENLY UPSIDE DOWN ITSELF IN TIME TO CATCH IN FRONT OF THE REAR AXLE! THE DOWNWARD PLUNGE OF THE HORSES AND COACH IS ARRESTED!



A MINUTE LATER, AS THE STAGECOACH TEETERES ON THE BRINK OF DISASTER...

DON'T MOVE UP UP THERE! REMAIN ABSOLUTELY STILL WHILE COMING UP TO GET YOU!

LOOK UP THERE, DIAMOND! RAET OF LOGUS'S GANG. WE CAN'T TACKLE THE STAGECOACH WITH OUR BACK TURNED TO THEM!

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AFTER A FEW EXCHANGES OF GUN SHOTS...



FIVE MINUTES LATER, WITH THE MIGHTY RELAPCO AND EL LOBO TO SET THE PLACE...



AFTER GREAT KICKING AND RAMMING OF THE ANIMALS THE COACH IS DRAWN TO SAFETY...



A HALF HOUR LATER, BECAUSE OF MELMARD AND EL LOBO'S INCREDIBLE SPEED, CHICORY AND HIS FELLOW KIDS ARE OVERTAKEN ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN.



THE END

# QUICK

IT'S  
**FREE!**

**NO MONEY  
TO PAY!**

SENT TO YOU  
WITHOUT COST!

IT'S EASY!



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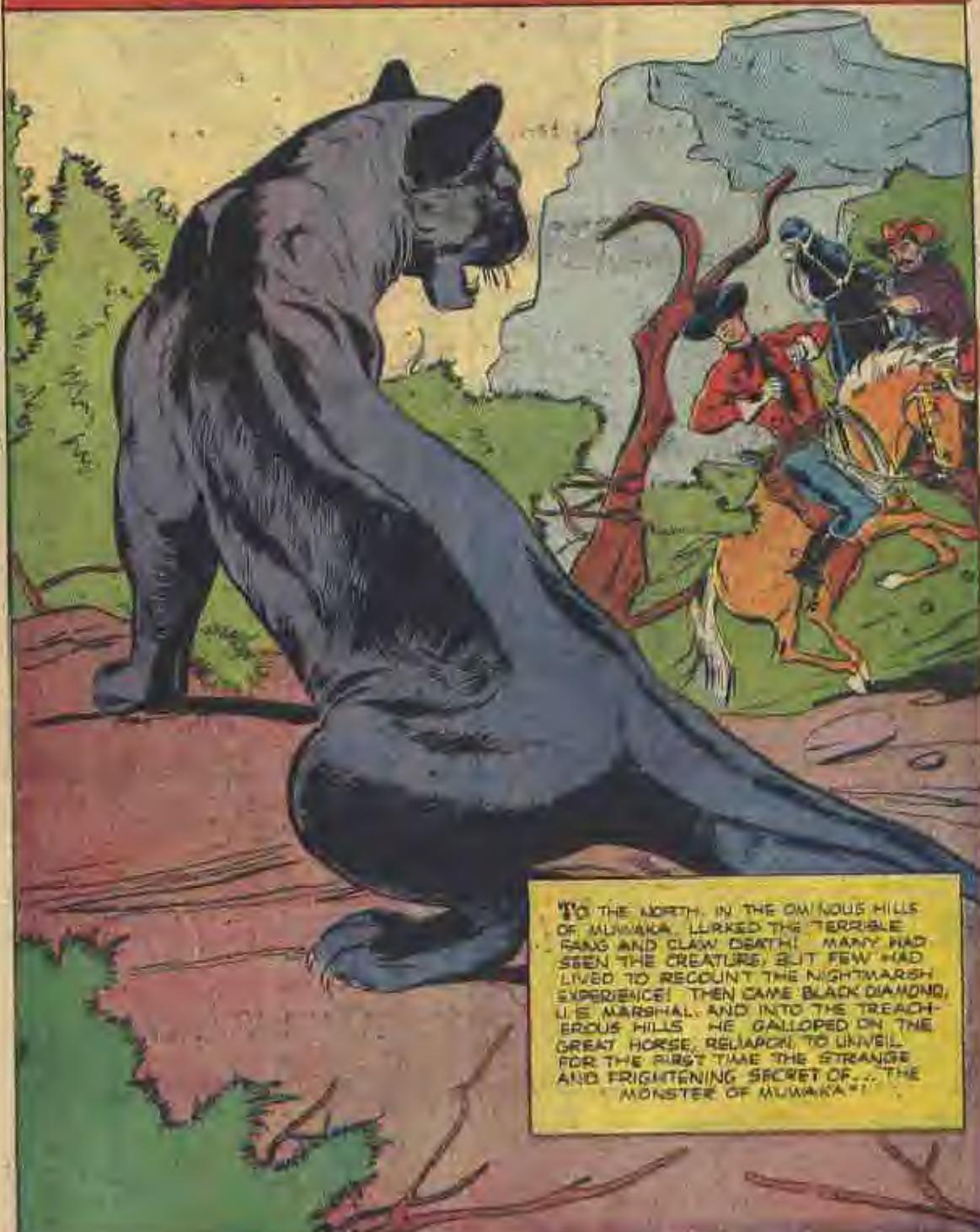
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# BLACK DIAMOND

meets "THE MONSTER OF MUWAKA"



"TO THE NORTH, IN THE OMNIOUS HILLS OF MUWAKA, LURKED THE TERRIBLE FANG AND CLAW OBARTH! MANY HAD SEEN THE CREATURE, BUT FEW HAD LIVED TO RECOUNT THE NIGHTMARE EXPERIENCE! THEN CAME BLACK DIAMOND, LIE MARSHAL, AND INTO THE TREACHEROUS HILLS HE GALLOPED ON THE GREAT HORSE, RELAPON, TO UNVEIL FOR THE FIRST TIME THE STRANGE AND FRIGHTENING SECRET OF... THE MONSTER OF MUWAKA!"

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THEN RUNNING COUGAR WENT TO EACH OF THE GREAT CHIEFS AND TO EACH HE LIED ABOUT THE OTHER...

THEY PLAN TO KILL YOU! I HEARD ALL...

LISTEN... I MUST WARN YOU!

ALREADY THE OTHERS PLOT TO WIPE OUT YOUR LANDS!

BROTHER ASK TO FIGHT BROTHER! THE FIRST GREAT WAR STARTED...



THEN...AS IF CAUSED BY AN ACT OF EVIL MAGIC, THE LONG-DEAD VOLCANO SUDDENLY CAME TO LIFE IN A TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION...

...AND IT IS SAID IN THE LEGENDS THAT RUNNING COUGAR REAPPEARED... NOT AS A MAN, BUT AS A GIANTIC CAT!

WHRO-O-O-O-OOSH!!



THE ANCIENTS SAID IN THESE LEGENDS THAT THE MONSTER KILLED TEN THOUSAND WARRIORS BEFORE HE RETREATED INTO THE HILLS, THERE TO LIVE FOREVER...

AND TO THIS DAY, HUNDREDS OF MOONS LATER, THE MONSTER OF MULWAHA STILL STALKS THE HILLS BY NIGHT, PUTTING TO DEATH ANY WHO INVADE HIS REALM!

WOW! THAT SURE SENDS CHILLS UP YOUR SPINE!

OF COURSE, IT'S JUST A LEGEND! THAT SORT OF THING NEVER REALLY HAPPENED! WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET THAT KEEP US HERE ALL NIGHT, ARE WE, DIAMOND?

THE LEGENDS NO! BUT THESE PEOPLE ARE OUR HOME—THEY'RE GIVING US FOOD AND SHELTER! IF THEY WISH US TO STAY TILL MORNING, WE WELL...



EARLY THE NEXT DAY...

I HOPE THEY'RE HAPPY! THEY THINK THEY SAVED OUR LIVES BY KEEPIN' US THERE ALL NIGHT! CONFOUND THAT BILLY LEGEND ABOUT A GIANT COUGAR!

I WON'T CALL THE LEGEND SILLY, BLUMPER!



HUH? YOU MEAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

NO...NOT AS IT WAS TOLD! BUT INDIAN LEGENDS CARRY CERTAIN SYMBOLIC MEANINGS! SOMETIMES THEY MAY GET A LITTLE TOO WILD...BUT THE MEANING IS STILL THERE! ANYWAY, WE'LL FORGET THE "GIANT COUGAR" FOR NOW!



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THE NEXT DAY AT NOON, A WIDE-EYED MAN, IN A DELIRIUM, STAGGERS INTO JASNOVILLE...

IT'S TOM RYAN! WHAT'S THE MATTER, TOM?

COUGAR... GIANT COUGAR... GOT BILL... BILL NEVER HAD A CHANCE... COUGAR BITTERIN' A STAGE-COACH... GOT BILL...

MY HORSE BOKED... I GOT AWAY... POOR BILL... NEVER HAD A CHANCE...

HE'S OUT OF HIS HEAD! BETTER GET HIM TO DOC FULLER'S PLACE!



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LATER...

FIRST, I WANT TO GET A LISTING OF ALL THE COUGAR'S VICTIMS! THEY'LL HAVE IT HERE AT THE COURT-HOUSE!

I SEE...RYAN MAKES THE FOURTEENTH VICTIM! THEY WERE ALL TRAPPERS AND PROSPECTORS! AND EACH WAS FOUND DEAD IN THE MUWAKA HILLS...KILLED BY THE GIANT COUGAR!



SO FAR WE'VE SOLVED NOTHING!

WRONG, BLUMPER! THE PATTERN IS VERY CLEAR TO ME NOW! OUR NEXT MOVE IS TO BUY SOME SUPPLIES! AND DON'T ASK ANY QUESTIONS IN FRONT OF ANYBODY. JUST GO ALONG WITH WHATEVER I DO!



QUEEN, WE'LL NEED THOSE SUPPLIES NOW, MR. HILLER!

PINE! COME RIGHT IN! I'VE GOT A WIDE SELECTION OF THINGS AT DIRT CHEAP PRICES!



LET'S SEE... SOME EMPTY BAGS, SHOVELS, PICKS, AND GRUB! THAT'LL DO IT, MR. HILLER!

YOU'VE GOT ONLY ENOUGH GRUB FOR ONE DAY! IS THAT ALL YOU WANT?



YES...WE'LL ONLY BE GONE ONE DAY! WE RAN INTO SOME GOLD AT OUR CLAIM UP IN MUWAKA COUNTRY! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS DIG IT OUT AND CARRY IT BACK!

WELL! THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR! MAYBE ONE OF THESE DAYS I'LL TURN PROSPECTOR AND STRIKE IT RICH! ANYWAY, GOOD LUCK TO YOU!



LATE AFTERNOON, DEEP IN THE MUWAKA HILLS

GOLD CLAIM! BAH! HERE WE ARE DISINING NOTHING BUT DIRT, CLAY AND SAND! DIAMOND I DON'T FOLLOW YOU!

BUT MAYBE SOMEONE ELSE IS! NOW START FILLING THE BAGS WITH DIRT!



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LET'S SEE...WE SPEND GOOD MONEY FOR PROGS AND SHOVELS! WE COME WAY OUT HERE AND DIG UP DIRT...AND CARRY IT BACK TO TOWN! HO-HUM...I'M A LITTLE CUCKOO!

WE'RE AFTER A KILLER, BUMPER! THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO CATCH THEM! THIS IS MY WAY! HMM...IT SHOULD BE BACK SOON! I HOPE MY TIMING IS RIGHT...

AS THEY WEND THEIR WAY OVER THE GAUNT, GLOOMY HILLS, THE SUN SETS FAR TO THE WEST...

AT LEAST WE'VE GOT A FULL MOON TONIGHT! I WONDER IF THE COUGAR PROWL BY MOONLIGHT?

IF SO, WE'LL RAID VERY SHORTLY!

THEY

FROM NOW ON I'M DEPENDING UPON RELATION! STAY ON GUARD BOY! WE DON'T WANT TO MAKE A MISTAKE!

I KEEP GETTING A CREEPY FEELING THAT WE'RE BEING FOLLOWED!

DIAMOND! LOOK!

THE GIANT COUGAR!

AND NOT A WHINNY OUT OF RELATION!

IF THERE WAS A COUGAR, RELATION WOULD'VE CAUGHT ITS DOOR. HOWEVER, THERE IS A MAN! LOOK OUT, BUMPER!

I'LL BLAST THE RIFLE FROM HIS HANDS...

**BLAM**

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THE TRAPPER'S BODY WE LOOKED AT GAVE ME THE CLUE: THERE WAS NO BLOOD FLOW FROM THE CLAW WOUNDS... MEANING HE HAD ACTUALLY BEEN KILLED BEFORE. THEN THAT'S WHEN I LOOKED FOR A BULLET... AND FOUND IT!



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# A 'BRAND' NEW COW



**H**AL felt at home astride his palomino. Even though he was still considered a greenhorn among the cattle men he felt like a seasoned cowpuncher. Ever since he'd luckily landed at the X Bar I Ranch, after the long trek west and having left the disappointments of the east behind him, he'd felt completely at home. Even though this was his first roundup he felt that it was in his blood and he'd been born for this life.

Hal had looked forward to the roundup as if it were a final fulfillment of his initiation to the west. Now he was riding with the other punchers corralling the herds of the X Bar I back to the ranch. Miles they'd ridden and miles they had to return. The return to the ranch was the hardest as they had to drive the stubborn herd.

As he rode, driving the cattle before him, Hal looked at the blue sky, the mountains in the distance and realized that this was the life he'd been looking for. The air was clean, the life was clean and he could bury all his previous troubles.

Hal loved animals but he found cattle to be rather lacking in personality except for one calf in particular. In fact, he hated to admit his fondness for Maisie as every time he mentioned her, the other cowpunchers really gave him a razzing. However, Maisie was the first calf Hal had seen come into the world and at that she was a scrappy, puny thing and the odds had been against her. Hal nursed her along and she grew with the best of them. Inadvertently, a fondness for Maisie grew in Hal, and if it can be believed, Maisie, during her early months at the ranch followed Hal wherever she could and often where she was not supposed to.

Hal suffered through her branding as much as Maisie but after it was over Maisie came over to him as if to say it was all right, she understood. And now Hal was rounding up the cattle. His eyes scanned over the herd looking for Maisie and wondering

where she was. Of course, he realized she was a full fledged cow now and he might not recognize her.

All through the days of the roundup Hal had looked for Maisie, either to no avail or because she had grown to look like all the other cattle that carried the X Bar I brand. As they reached the last lap of the roundup Hal, in looking forward to the evening's revelry, had ceased to think of his favorite calf. It was a pleasant thought to anticipate the return to the ranch, the warm fires, the songs, the branding and the long awaited rest. Twilight descended as they corralled the herd and settled down for the evening.

The end of the roundup always called for celebration and feasting and Mr. Harvey, the owner of the X Bar I had prepared for the punchers' return and nothing was spared.

The next morning, with heavy heads, the punchers arose to settle down to the business of branding. Again Hal kept his eye out for Maisie but to all observation she was not among the herd.

Hal, after his set-to at branding the new and checking the brands of the old, sat astride the fence of the corral. Suddenly he jumped off the fence and ran to Mr. Harvey, who was close at hand, pointed at one of the cows and said, "That brand, Mr. Harvey? We've rounded up someone else's cow. That's X Cross Plus. I've never seen that brand before."

"That's easily remedied, Hal," Mr. Harvey answered calmly. "All we have to do is find the X Cross Plus and just return the cattle we've rounded up by mistake."

As Hal looked around he noticed that there were about three cattle bearing the X Cross Plus brand, and he mentioned to Mr. Harvey. "That's pretty careless on our part, Mr. Harvey, to round up cattle that don't belong to us."

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"Not necessarily, Hal," continued Mr. Harvey. "It happens all the time. But, you know, it is strange that their brand is so similar to ours. They probably got some of our cattle. But I've been here a long time, and it's the first time I've seen that brand."

"I'll take them back tonight," volunteered Hal, "or they'll think we're rustling their cattle. But, I don't know where to look for the ranch."

Hal left for the X Cross Plus ranch before the branding was over in order to find the ranch before dark. The final count of Harvey's herd of cattle had not been taken when Hal left, so he didn't know how they'd made out at the roundup. The general opinion seemed to be that there were fewer new calves than they'd expected to find.

Hal rode for miles inquiring at every ranch house if they knew where the X Cross Plus Ranch was. No one had heard of the ranch. After hours of fruitless search Hal decided to return to the X Bar I and resume his mission the next day. He took a short cut back to the ranch which led him over a deserted trail, familiar only to a few of the ranchers in the vicinity. Hal suddenly reined in his palomino. There in the distance was smoke. The danger of forest fire led him in the direction of the smoke and as he approached the source again he stopped short. He heard the unmistakable sounds of branding cattle. Quietly he approached, staying well hidden. To his surprise he saw in a clearing a make-shift corral and unmistakably branding was going on. Three men were working furiously. One roped the cattle, another held the cow while the third man worked the iron. Hal watched carefully and suddenly his eyes nearly popped out of his head. There was Maisie! As one calf was being branded, Maisie was roped and ready for the iron.

The picture was suddenly clear in Hal's mind. He realized why he hadn't spotted Maisie during the roundup, he knew why the X Bar I had a shortage of calves and he understood the similarity of the two brands. These rustlers needed only one iron to change the brand from X Bar I to X Cross Plus. Hal realized he could do nothing. He ran back to his palomino and raced back to the X Bar I.

The X Bar I was dead in sleep when he arrived. However, Hal pounded on the door of the ranch house and Mr. Harvey came to the door.

"Mr. Harvey," gasped Hal, "The X Cross Plus is not a ranch. They're rustlers! If we hurry we can catch them red-handed."

"Can you be sure?" questioned Mr. Harvey.

"I'm as sure, Mr. Harvey, as I know Maisie," continued Hal, "and I saw them re-branding. You can see how that can be done."

"You're right, Hal!" said Mr. Harvey. "Get the other boys. I'll go for the sheriff and the rest of you will ride to the 'X Cross Plus'."

Hal wasted no time, aroused the other

men and they all rode behind Hal over the deserted trail. As they approached the make-shift corral they found it completely deserted. Quietly the men dismounted and searched through the corral. There was no sign of branding, no branding irons left as evidence. Hal's heart sank. He knew he'd been right. Of course, the rustlers had been too smart, they'd turned the cattle loose on the range with new brands, and had either hidden or destroyed the irons. Hal sighed in despair and the other men looked at him as if he'd been dreaming. They mounted their horses and slowly returned to the X Bar I.

Hal sat on the rail of the corral, his world tumbling at his feet. As he sat waiting for the sheriff and Mr. Harvey and wondering what to tell them, something cold and slippery nuzzled into his hand. He jumped and almost fell from the rail but held on and looked down. There, unmistakably, was Maisie.

Hal leaped from the rail wanting to shout — "This is it! This is proof!" Then suddenly he thought, "Why is it proof? No one knows this is Maisie but me. What more proof have I now than before?" He looked at Maisie's brand there appeared the X Cross Plus — with two new cross lines obviously superimposed. That was proof!

Soon Hal heard the approach of the sheriff and Mr. Harvey. As they rode up to the corral, Hal greeted them.

"Sheriff," he said, "the men have disappeared and all evidence is gone, except Maisie here, my calf. Look at her brand and that should be enough to convince anyone."

The sheriff scanned Maisie's brand and agreed wholeheartedly with Hal, then said, "Now all we have to do is find the men and take them into custody. They can't be far from here."

The sheriff was right. The men had not gone far. Hal, Mr. Harvey and the sheriff slowly searched along the deserted trail and finally came upon three horses tethered to trees not far from the trail. The three dismounted and silently searched for the riders. Not far from the horses were three men stretched out on the ground asleep in their sleeping bags.

The sheriff had them covered just as they stirred and woke up. Hal and Mr. Harvey resorted to their fists. Fortunately, the three rustlers were drugged with sleep and offered little resistance. Before they were half awake, Hal and Mr. Harvey had them well tied with their lassoes and tossed them like sacks of meal over their horses' back. Hal marched through the sleeping bags and uncovered the evidence — a branding iron with a vertical and a horizontal bar. This iron used over the X Bar I brand conveniently turned the brand to X Cross Plus.

Hal again rode the range and always looked for Maisie. It was easy to pick Maisie from the rest of the herd because now she bore the unusual brand of X Cross Plus instead of X Bar I.

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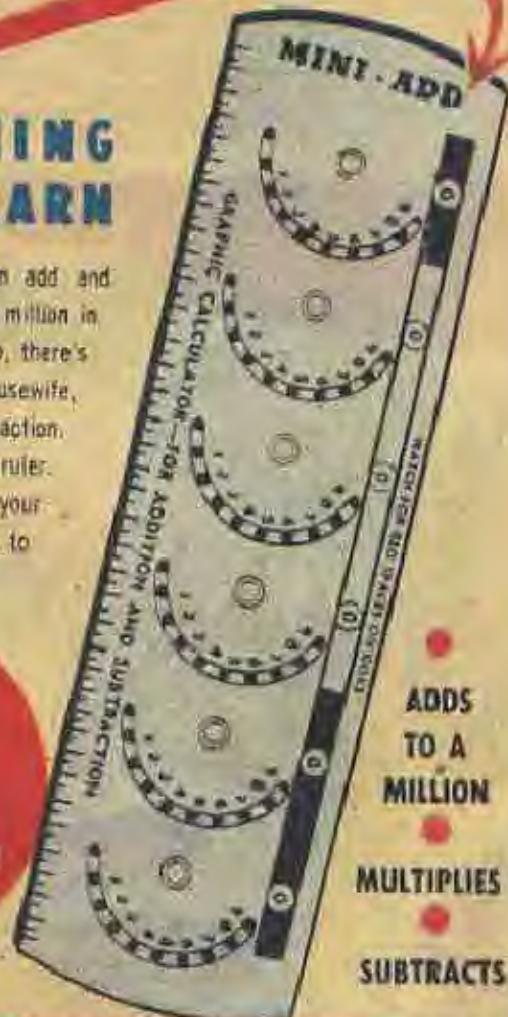
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TO DO! GO ON.  
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SO SIOUX SAM, DANCER, AND HIS MEN  
BLASTED THEIR WAY THROUGH TOWN...

LIKE SHOOTING DUCKS  
ON A POND FROM  
HERE!



GET SET, SAM. I  
SHLL BLOW IN  
A MINUTE!

CHAS, GRAB SOME  
OF THOSE STICKS!  
SHOVE 'EM INTO  
BUILDING ENTRANCES!

SUDDENLY...



IF WE KEEP THIS UP,  
HOLLOWLEG WON'T HAVE  
MUCH TOWN LEFT TO  
CLEAN UP ONE!



TWO MILES FROM HONEY CREEK, SIOUX  
SAM AMBES CHIEF, HOLLOWLEG...

WE SAW YOUR  
SIGNAL, DANCER!  
YOU DO GOOD  
JOBS!

SEE FOR TO URSELF!  
MONEY BACK  
GUARANTEE IF YOU  
ANT SATISFIED,  
HOLLOWLEG!

SEE YOU LATER,  
DANCER! FORWARD  
MY BRAVE!  
AND MAKE THEM  
CURSED PALE-  
FACED!

WAIT A MINUTE, HOLLOWLEG,  
I AINT BEENN FUTTIN' THIS TIME!  
YOU KNOW OUR AGREEMENT! I  
HELP YOU BECOME HEAD BIG  
COMANCHE WAR CHIEF! YOU  
HELP ME BECOME RICH PALACE!  
THE DEAL GOES AHEAD  
WITH THIS JOB!

I KEEP MY PROMISE,  
DANCER! I SEE YOU  
LATER AT THE VILLAGE.  
THINT TAKE YOU TO  
SAMABA LONG  
ANNES!

BIGGER... I WOULDNT WANT TO BE  
DOWN IN HONEY CREEK WHEN THE  
THE COMANCHES RIDE IN THERE  
WERE WOMEN AND KIDS IN  
THE STAGE, SAM!

THERE WERE WOMEN AND  
KIDS IN A DOZEN SETTLMENTS  
WE SET UP FOR HOLLOWLEG!  
DON'T START GETTIN' A WEAK  
STOMACH NOW! FREEDOM, NOT  
WHEN MURE SO CLOSE TO  
THE MINE!



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THIS SHOULD MAKE EVERY OTHER GOLD STRIKE IN HISTORY LOOK SICK! AND WHO WE GOT TO THANK? A SPANIARD: DON BERNARDO, WHO WAS SENT FROM ACROSS THE BORDER TO CHECK UP ON RUMORS ABOUT GOLD MINES NORTH OF HONEY CREEK!

DON BERNARDO? I THOUGHT IT WAS BOWIE'S MAP YOU GOT HOLD OF!



FOOL I'M TELLING ABOUT A TIME EVEN BEFORE BOWIE HEARD ABOUT THE MINES! ANYWAY, AFTER AN EIGHT DAY MARCH, BERNARDO REACHED ARROYO SAN MIGUEL AND MADE IT HOME BASE! A DAY'S TRIP AWAY, NEAR CERRO DEL ALAMERO, DON BERNARDO FOUND SOMETHING...

GOLD! ENOUGH GOLD TO GIVE EVERY SETTLER IN THE SOUTHWEST A FULL CLAIM!

CARAMBA! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THE NUGGETS—LIKE ROCKS!



BUT THE VEIN GAVE OUT QUICK, DISAPPEARING INTO THE SIDES OF THE MOUNTAINS! LATER, DON BERNARDO MET SOME FRIENDLY APACHES WHO TOLD HIM OF EVEN RICHER MINES AROUND THE SAN BABA RIVER...

TAKE US THERE AND ALL THESE PRECIOUS GIFTS WILL BE STOLEN!

NO! NO! YOU CAN NOT GO INTO THE SAN BABA MOUNTAINS! SAVAGE COMANCHES LIVE THERE! THEY WILL MASSACRE ALL WHO INVADE THEIR LAND!



SO DON BERNARDO GOT BLEYAN GOT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT TO BACK HIM IN A NEW MISSION! THEY BUILT A FORT ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE SAN BABA RIVER...

THE FORT WILL PROTECT US FROM THE COMANCHES WHILE WE CONDUCT MINING OPERATIONS!



LET US HOPE THAT THE RUMORS OF GOLD IN THESE MOUNTAINS ARE NOT JUST A LEGEND.

DON BERNARDO!

BUT THEY HAD A MASS OF TROUBLE, ESPECIALLY WITH THE COMANCHES! AND THEY DIDN'T GET ANYWHERE. YOU CAN STILL SEE THE RUINS OF THE FORT AND PEOPLE KEEP FINDING PARTS OF OLD SHELTERS, OLD PICKS, AND SHOVELS—IRRIGATION DITCHES WITH ROTTED PIECES OF EQUIPMENT... EVERYTHING EXCEPT GOLD!



SINCE THEN A THOUSAND MEN HAVE COME AWAY WITH JUST DIRT IN THEIR HANDS, BUT THAT ONE-LEGGED MURDERIN BOLLCAT, HOLLOW-LEG, WHO'S HAVING A FIELD DAY NOW IN HONEY CREEK IS GOING TO TAKE ME, SIOUX SAM, DANCER, TO THE BIGGEST GOLD MINE IN THE WORLD!

KILL, KILL! DON'T LEAVE ONE ALIVE!

AYE, HOLLOWLEG! AFTER THIS RAID, OUR COWARDLY BROTHER COMANCHES WILL TAKE COURAGE AND FLOCK TO OUR ARMY!



AT TWILIGHT, THE DAY OF THE MASSACRE, BOB VALE, THE BLACK DIAMOND, AND HIS PAL, BUMPER, RIDE INTO HONEY CREEK!

BOB, THEY DON'T SPARE A LIVING THING! THAT GOES FOR THE LIVESTOCK AS WELL AS THE HUMAN! I THOUGHT THE COMANCHES IN THE SAN BABA RANGE WERE PEACEFUL!

PEACEFUL AS RATTLESNAKES, BUMPER! THIS MASSACRE CONFIRMS A LOT OF RUMORS I'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT A ONE-LEGGED COMANCHE NAMED HOLLOWLEG TAKING THE WARPATH ON HIS OWN! BUT FROM THE SIGNS OF THINGS, HE HAD WHITE HELP!



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AN UNEXPLODED STICK OF DYNAMITE, BODYPRIESTE WINCHESTER SHELLS - LOOKS LIKE WHITE TRAITORS DID A JOB ON HONEY CREEK BEFORE THE INDIANS ARRIVED... THIS EVIDENCE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PODS RIGHT PUT UP BY THE TOWNSPEOPLE!

YOU'RE RIGHT! DARN FEW DEAD COMANCHES - LYING AROUND! WAIT! DO YOU HEAR SOMEBODY CALLING?

IT'S COMING FROM THE CEMENT SUBCELLAR! SOMEBODY'S TRAPPED INSIDE BUMPER! FIND SOMETHING WE CAN MOVE THOSE BEAMS WITH!

GOT IT RIGHT HERE! MAYBE WELL GET AN EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT OF THE SLAUGHTER!



SEVERAL HOURS LATER...

I'LL REPORT THIS RAID TO THE U.S. ARMY AT THE FORT, BLACK DIAMOND, BUT THERE AINT ENOUGH TROOPS AT THE FORT TO PROTECT THE FRONTIER IF THE COMANCHES ARE UP TO SOMETHING!

JUST THE SAME, SHERIFF PUT EVERY MARSHAL ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR SQUIN SAM DANCER! FROM THE BARTENDERS DESCRIPTION, IT WAS DANCER WHO TOUCHED OFF THE HONEY CREEK MASSACRE!

I CAN'T SEE DANCER'S STATE IN HELPING THE COMANCHES. DANCER DIDN'T HAIL AWAY A NICKEL'S WORTH OF LOOT, HE DIDN'T SELL THE INDIANS ANY SUNS OR FIRE WATER...



YOU'RE ON THE WRONG TRACK, BUMPER! SQUIN SAM'S ONLY INTEREST IS MONEY. FIND OUT WHAT TURN SAM'S GREED IS TAKING AND YOU'VE GOT YOUR ANSWER!



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MEANWHILE, IN THE DARKNESS OF THE WOODS TO THE NORTH...

WAIT A MINUTE, HOLLOWLEG! ACCORDING TO THIS MAP SOMBIE DREW OF THE MINE'S LOCATION WE SHOULD BE HEADING EAST NOT WEST LIKE YOU'RE DOIN'!

I DO NOT CARE WHAT MAP SAYS! THE MAP MAY LIE TO THROW STUPID TREASURE HUNTERS OFF THE TRAIL. HOLLOWLEG KNOWS WHERE GOLD MINES ARE! COME!

THINK HERE TELLING THE TRUTH. SAME YOU KNOW HOLLOWLEG! HE'D DOUBLE CROSS HIMSELF TO GET WHAT HE WANTS!

HE STILL NEEDS ME, IF HE'S GOIN' TO BUILD A BIG ENOUGH REPUTATION TO START THE PEACE-LOVIN' COMANCHES DOIN' A WAR DANCE! WELL FOLLOW HOLLOWLEG, LIKE HE SAID, BUT KEEP A FINGER ON YOUR GUN TRIGGER!



AN HOUR LATER, AS SENTRY FIRES GUARDING THE SAN SABA GOLD CLEAR THROUGH THE FOREST...



I WANT THAT GOLD TO BUY BUNS AND AMMUNITION, JUST AS YOU WISH TO USE IT FOR GAMBLING AND WOMEN! BUT WE CANNOT RUSH IT INTO OUR HANDS! WE MUST OUTWIT THE COMANCHE FOOLS WHO WOULD KILL US FOR TRYING TO STEAL IT!



LEGENDS WHICH GO BACK THOUSANDS OF YEARS SAY THAT GREAT MISFORTUNE STRIKE SAN SABA COMANCHES IF THEY USE GOLD FOR ANYTHING BUT WORSHIP OF GREAT SPIRIT. ONLY MEDICINE MAN CAN MAKE HEADRESS, SPEAR, KNIFE, POT, OR BATTLES FROM GOLD; NOTHING ELSE....



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BUT BONIE LAUGHED AT INDIAN LEGEND! HE LED GANG OF GREEDY PALSACES AND ROUGHT WAY INTO MINE. HE KILLED MANY COMANCHE! HE GET GOLD, FIVE PIECES OF SOLID GOLD...



BONIE LEFT BEHIND MANY DEAD THAT DAY. BUT THEN HE HIMSELF DIED AT THE ALAMO! SO INDIAN LEGEND IS TRUE: HE WHO TOUCHES GOLD FOR HIMSELF DIE!

YOU ARE FRIGHTENED, DANCER — YES!

NOTHING FRIGHTENS ME BUT THE THOUGHT OF HAVING TO WAIT FOR THAT GOLD! YOUR MEDICINE MAN FRIEND BETTER HAVE AN IDEA TO MAKE LOTS OF RELIGIOUS OBJECTS! I AIN'T WALKIN' OUT OF THIS DEAL WITH AS NEARLY TWO OR THREE KILOGRAMS

FOOL! CAN YOU MOVE THE WHOLE MOUNTAIN IN YOUR POCKET? WHERE'S YOUR PATIENCE? WHEN I AM CHIEF OF ALL THE COMANCHE, YOU SHALL HAVE GOLD ENOUGH, NOT ENOUGH.



YOU BRING OUT MUCH GOLD! WITH GOLD DANCER WILL BUY GUNS AND AMMUNITION! I WILL BECOME A REAL COMANCHE CHIEF! I WILL BECOME A GREAT MEDICINE MAN!



...YOU MEAN... KNOCK OFF THE MEDICINE MAN! WE TAKE HIS PLACE AND DIG OUT GOLD DAY AND NIGHT, BOO-LIS!



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THE NEXT DAY NOT FAR AWAY FROM THE SAN SABA COMANCHE VILLAGE...

YOU'RE RIGHT, DIAMOND! BOOT-PRINTS ALONG WITH MOCASSIN PRINTS LEADING TO HOLLOWLEG'S BARRICADE! HERE ON THE RIGHT TRAIL!

TOO RIGHT! RELIAPON'S SIGNALLING ME! DANGER'S LOOKING CLOSE BY! RELIAPON CARELY MISSES ON THE SMELL OF REDSKINS!

HERE THEY COME NOW! STEADY, BUMPER! POUR IT IN THICK AND FAST! THESE BABIES KEEP TRAVELLING TILL A BULLET STOPS THEM!

WELL, MY SCALPS STAYING WHERE NATURE INTENDED IT TO REMAIN!

MOMENTS LATER...

THEY'RE BOEALING! COVER ME, BUMPER! WHILE I CATCH A PRISONER!

PICK A TALKATIVE ONE!



TWO HOURS AFTER THE COMANCHE SPOKE...

THAT INDIAN GAVE US A STRAIGHT STEER. BOOT-PRINTS MARD WITH MOCASSIN PRINTS HEADING DOWNHILL.

HERE'S SOMETHING ELSE - TORN PIECES OF A MAP! I SEE WHY DANCER'S WORKING HIS DIRTY HEAD OFF FOR THE COMANCHEES. THIS MADMAN WAS ONE OF THE THOUSAND VERSIONS OF BOWIE'S LOST MINE!

BUT WHAT DANCER AND THE THOUSAND OTHER GREEDY FOOLS DON'T KNOW IS THAT THE MINE ISN'T LOST. THAT'S JUST A FALSE RUMOR CIRCULATED BY SAN SABA COMANCHEES TO KEEP INVADERS AWAY FROM GOLD THEY WONT EVEN TOUCH THEMSELVES BECAUSE OF THEIR SUPERSTITIONS! NO, BUMPER, THESE COMANCHEES ARE FRIENDLY!



A HALF-HOUR LATER IN THE SAME COMANCHE VILLAGE, IN THE TEPEE OF THE MEDICINE MAN...

A PALEFACE HAS RIDDEN INTO THE VILLAGE. HE'S THE FEARLESS FIGHTER CALLED BLACK DIAMOND! HE DEMANDS TO SEE THE WHITE REBECOADS WHO SNEAKED INTO THE VILLAGE DURING THE NIGHT.

SAM, THE BLACK DIAMOND KNOWS THE AUT-DE-HELL YOLL LIKELY TO GET IN SIGHT!



## BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

LISTEN, CRAB FACE, YOU GO OUT THERE AND START THROWING SUSPICION ON THE BLACK DIAMOND! I START MAKIN' THEM THINK THAT THE BLACK DIAMOND IS HERE TO STEAL THE SACRED GOLD!

GOOD IDEA! MEANWHILE I'LL PREPARE AN AMBUSH FOR THE PALEFACE MEDDLER!

MAKE IT A GOOD AMBUSH! THE BLACK DIAMOND'S GOT A HABIT OF SHOOTIN' HIS WAY OUTTA BAD ONES!

SHORTLY AFTER, IN FRONT OF THE CHIEF'S LODGE...

MA-DITA-LONI, THE BLACK DIAMOND SEEKS WHITE RENEGADES WHO COVET THE GOLD IN OUR SACRED MINE!

THE BLACK DIAMOND DESIRES YOU, CHIEF. BEWARE OF HIM! HE IS HERE BECAUSE HE COVETS THE GOLD HIMSELF!

A MAN WHO LIVES SO QUICKLY IS CAPABLE OF OTHER EVILS AS WELL! WHERE ARE THE RENEGADES? ANSWER!



LET GO OF ME PALEFACE! YOUR TONGUE SPEAKS LIES AND MADNESS! THERE ARE NO RENEGADES HERE!

PROVE IT BY LETTING ME SEARCH YOUR LODGE!

THEN YOUR MEDICINE MAN HAS NOTHIN' TO FEAR FROM A SEARCH OF HIS TENT!

BUT BLACK DIAMOND NO PALEFACES WERE SEEN IN MY CAMP!

STOP! ENTER MY TENT AGAINST MY WILL AND I WILL BRING A CURSE UPON THE WHOLE COMANCHE TRIBE!

I CANNOT LET YOU ENTER BLACK DIAMOND! MY PEOPLE FEAR THE POWER OF THE MEDICINE MAN! HAVE ALREADY TOLD ME WHAT I WANT TO KNOW! LET'S GO BUMPER!

SINCE THE MEDICINE MAN IS THE ONLY COMANCHE WHO CAN DIG SAN SABA GOLD AND DANCER IS AFTER THE TREASURE, DANCER MUST BE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH HIM! ADD A CUTTHROAT LIKE HOLLOWLEG AND A BLOODY PLOT IS BEING HATCHED!



FIND THE LOST MINE! SOONER OR LATER, THE MEDICINE MAN WILL TAP A VEIN OF GOLD... AND IF I'M ANY JUDGE OF THE SET-UP, HE'LL TAKE OUT FAR MORE GOLD THAN HE NEEDS FOR POTES AND PANS...

I GET IT, DIAMOND! IF WE NAIL THE MEDICINE MAN AND PUT THE SQUEEZE ON HIM, HE'LL TAKE US TO DANCER!

SIGNAL THE WARRIOR! THEY MUST DRAW THE BLACK DIAMOND DEEP INTO THE TRAP BEFORE THEY SPRING IT!

MEANWHILE, IN THE MEDICINE MAN'S TENT...

THE BLACK DIAMOND NOGIN' AROUND HERE CHANCES THINGS! WE AINT GOT ALL YEAR TO GET THAT GOLD SO THE GOLD'S GOTTA GO TO US, NOT HOLLOWLEG! AN' IT'S GOTTA COME IN BIG GOESI FREDDY, IS THE MEDICINE MAN STILL OUT THERE?



## BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

SAY WHEN THE MEDICINE MAN COMES IN, WE KILL HIM! FREDDY KNOWS THE COMANCHE LANGUAGE AND TALKING THROUGH A CEREMONIAL MASK, HE'S GOT TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE! THEN WITH US HACHIN AWAY AT THEM WALLS OF PURE GOLD, IT WILL COME AWAY IN ONE NIGHT WITH ENOUGH GOLD TO LAST US A LIFETIME!

OKAY! GET SET! HERE COMES THE MONKEY, HOWIE!

CHIEF, VERY SUSPICIOUS! YOU DID IT NOW AND WHERE?

YOU GOT THE STORY MIXED UP, PARROT! YOU'RE GOING NOW! KEEP THAT CHOCOLATE CLOTH NIGHT AROUND MY NECK, FREDDY!

SAY THE TOES ARE CURLED, HOW TO BECOME A HEARTFUL MEDICINE MAN!

WE ARE NOT ONLY WILL WE PLANT SOME OF THE GOLD ON HIM, BUT WELL SICK HIM SO HE GETS BLAMED FOR KILLIN' THE MEDICINE MAN!



YOU'RE FORGETTIN' HOLLOWLEG! HE'S STEALIN' A MARCH ON ME AND MAKIN' OFF WITH THE GOLD! I AINT GONE TO MAKE HOLLOWLEG FALL IN LINE WITH HIS!

THAT'S WHO EVERYTHING'S GOTTA BE DONE TONIGHT! PLAY ONE OFF AGAINST THE OTHER, WHILE THEY'RE KILLIN' EACH OTHER OFF, WE GRABBOSSE WITH THE GOLD!



JUST IN TIME! BUT WHO COULD HE BE ON THE SENDIN' SIDE?

OUR GOOD FRIEND HOLLOWLEG WILL SACRIFICE HIS LAST MAN TO GET US OUT OF HIS SCALP!



AT THE SAME TIME, IN THE DENSE WOODS, THE BLACK DIAMOND TELESSES AS HE HEARS THE CRY OF A COYOTE...

HOLD UP, BUMPER! I CAN TELL A COYOTE'S CALL FROM A COMANCHE AMBUSH SIGNAL! DIVE FOR THAT CHAPARRAL BEFORE COMANCHE ARROWS TURN US INTO HUMAN PINCUSHIONS!



THEY'RE COMMITTING SUICIDE CHARGING BLINDLY AT US THIS WAY! WE MUST HAVE SHOT TWO DOZEN OF THEM BY NOW, AND STILL THEY COME ON!

THAT'S THEIR WORRY, BUMPER... CIRCLE AROUND TO THE RIGHT THIS TIME, IF WE CAN HOLD THEM OFF TILL DARK, WE'RE SAFE! COMANCHEES DON'T LIKE TO ATTACK AT NIGHT!



## BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

HOURS LATER, AS DARKNESS FALLS ON THE CHAPARRAL

NO MORE ATTACKS! MAYBE THE COMANCHE'S HAVE GONE UP! IT'S THE OTHER WAY AROUND! THEY THOUGHT IF THEY DON'T KILL US WITH GUN FIRE, THEY'LL TRY BRUSH FIRE! LOOK, BUMPER! THE WIND'S BLOWING OUR WAY SO, THEY'VE SET THE WOODS ON FIRE! RELIAPON! EL LOBO! LET'S GO!



THEY'RE WAITING FOR US TO COME OUT AT THE NORTH SO WE'LL RIDE SOUTH—INTO THE BRUSH FIRE!

WITH RELIAPON AND EL LOBO'S SPEED, AND WITH SOAKING WET BLANKETS COVERING US, WE STAND A CHANCE!



MINUTES LATER...

DARNED IF WE'RE NOT GETTING THROUGH!

LAGE CAME DOWN TO STOP THE BRUSH FIRE! THAT GAVE US A CHANCE TO SNEAK IN AND SEE WHAT'S INSIDE THE MEDICINE MAN'S TENT FASTER! RELIAPON!



MEANWHILE IN THE COMANCHE VILLAGE...

THERE'S A FIRE DOWN IN THE CHAPARRAL AND THE WHOLE COMANCHE VILLAGE IS GOING DOWN TO FIGHT IT! HERE'S OUR CHANCE TO SNEAK DOWN TO THE MINE AND HACK OUT A QUICK FORTUNE! C'MON, FREDDY, GET SOME PACK ANIMALS TOGETHER! TONIGHT WE CLEAN UP!



WHO COMES THERE? I-MA-DITA-LOU! THE MEDICINE MAN! I SEEK GOLD TO MAKE RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FOR THE GREAT HARVEST DANCE! LET ME PASS!



SUDDENLY, FROM AMBUSH...

THE WAY IS CLEAR! LET'S GO DOWN AND DIG THAT GOLD OUT!



MOMENTS LATER, AT THE CHAPARRAL...

HOLLOWED! WHAT IS THIS? THIS BRUSH FIRE WILL SET FIRE TO OUR GRAIN FIELDS! OUR ENTIRE CROP WILL BE DESTROYED! PERHAPS YOU DO NOT CARE BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT THE GRAIN FIELDS OF YOUR VILLAGE!

BUT I DID NOT SET THIS FIRE, O MIGHTY CHIEF OF ALL COMANCHEES! MY MEN CAUGHT THE BLACK DIAMOND STEALING GOLD FROM THE LOST MINE! WE PURSUED HIM AND HE SET FIRE TO THE CHAPARRAL TO ESCAPE US!



I DO NOT BELIEVE BLACK DIAMOND WOULD STEAL THE GOLD! AT THE MINE WILL TELL US IF HE WAS THERE! LISTEN, MY PEOPLE, BUILD A TRENCH TO THE CREEK TO HOLD OFF THE FIRE WHILE I GO WITH CHIEF HOLLOWED TO THE LOST MINE!



## BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

AT THE SAME TIME, BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER ARE IN THE MEDICINE MAN'S TENT... AND HERE'S SOME OF THE RENEGADES! THE PICTURE IS CLEAR, BUMPER: CLOTHING! THE RENEGADES KILLED THE MEDICINE MAN, STRIPPED HIM, AND ONE OF DANCIER'S LICE TOOK HIS PLACE. DANCER WANTS TO GET HIS HANDS ON THE GOLD PERSONALLY; NEXT STOP—THE LOST MINE!



ANOTHER THING HOLLOWLEG I'M GOING TO BRING UP THE MATTER OF YOUR SLOODY RAID AT THE NEXT COMANCHE GRAND POW-WOW! MOST OF THE COMANCHE WANT TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH THE PALE-FACE, AND YOU MAKE TROUBLE FOR US!

AH, NOBLE CHIEF, MUCH TROUBLE! EXCEPT THAT THE BIG CHIEF AT GRAND POW-WOW WILL BE ME, FOR YOU WILL BE DEAD! QUICK, KILL HIM!



LOOK, BLACK DIAMOND, HOLLOWLEG AND THE PEACE-LOVING COMANCHE CHIEF—they're fighting!

LET'S GET IN ON THIS!

IT'S THE BLACK DIAMOND HELP SAVE US; HOLLOWLEG WILL KILL US!



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THANK YOU, WHITE FRIEND! FOLLOWING SAID YOU STEAL FROM LOST MINE THIS IS THE LAST!

YEAH, BUT SOMEBODY ELSE IS STEALING FROM YOUR SACRED MINE, CHIEF. THE RENEGADE, SICU! SAM DANCER! TAKE A LOOK FOR YOURSELF!



THE PALEFACE DEVIL HAS TRICKED ME! HE STEALS THE GOLD THAT SHOULD BE MINE—to buy guns and ammunition! I'LL SLAY HIM MYSELF!



THE RENEGADE KILLED YOUR CHIEF! TAKE REVENGE!

NO, NO! DON'T SHOOT HIM! THEY'RE LOADING A SHOWER OF ARROWS!



ALL THIS DEATH WAS CAUSED BY ONE THING—MAN'S GREED FOR GOLD! NO WONDER THE GREAT SPIRIT SAID THE GOLD MUST ONLY BE FIST!

IF WERE YOU CHIEF TO MAKE IT ONLY HIS, THEN NO MAN WILL BE TEMPTED TO GET IT! TO MAKE THIS MOUNTAIN OF GOLD REALLY HOSTILE!



THE NEXT MORNING AS THE BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER RIDE THROUGH THE CHARARRA,

I SEE THE CHIEF TOOK YOUR ADVICE, DIAMOND! HE BLEW THE MOUNTAIN APART WITH DYNAMITE!

THE CHIEF IS WISE, FOR AS LONG AS THAT LOST MINE COULD BE FOUND, HE'D HAVE TROUBLE WITH GREEN-WHITE PROSPECTORS AND ADVENTURERS! NOW THE GOLD IS BACK WITH MAN TO WHERE IT BELONGS!



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ginger          | <b>\$3.98</b>                                |

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